GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:107
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2016
Pilgrimages Selected under PRASAD
Mishra Shri Bhairon Prasad

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the pilgrimages selected under the National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD);
(b) whether the famous pilgrimage of Chitrakoot Dham is also included thereunder;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the funds released for the said site during the last three years and the works undertaken therewith?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+*107 ANSWERED ON 02.05.2016 REGARDING PILGRIMAGES SELECTED UNDER PRASAD.

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism has identified 13 pilgrimage sites so far in the country for development and beautification under the Scheme 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD). These are Amritsar, Ajmer, Kedarnath, Dwarka, Mathura, Varanasi, Gaya, Kamakhya, Puri, Amravati, Kanchipuram, Velankanni and Patna. The pilgrimage site of Chitrakoot Dham is presently not identified under the scheme. Identification of more destinations under the scheme is a continuous process, subject to availability of resources.

Under the another Plan Scheme 'Swadesh Darshan' (SD) launched by the Ministry of Tourism in 2014-15, 13 theme based circuits have been identified for development, which include 'Ramayana Circuit' and 'Spiritual Circuit'.

During the last three years following projects have been sanctioned/released for Chitrakoot in Uttar Pradesh under Product Infrastructure Development for Destination & Circuits (PIDDC) scheme:
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No Name of project & year Amt. sanctioned Amt. released
2013-14
1. Beautification work of Ramghat in District Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh 309.88 61.98
2. Beautification works of Kamad Giri Parikrama Path in District Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh 361.61 72.32
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